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From the London Evening Poſt, Nov. 9.

Madrid, Oct. 26.

THE King ſtill keeps his Chamber, tho' his Majeſty be indifferently well. The Emperor's Ambaſſador Count Coningſeck had ſome Days ago two Audiences of the Queen, the one ſoon after the other. The Duke de Bournonville is expected here Friday next. Cardinal Pereira ſet out Yeſterday for Lisbon. The Royal Council of War is about to publiſh a new Regulation for Troops, and for the military Diſcipline. The Court has received Advice, that the Galleons are actually at Sea on their Way to the Ports of this Kingdom, and are expected the 20th next Month.

Copenhagen, Nov. 5. There were in all 3970 Houſes burnt down, according to the Liſt made, without including 39 others that were demoliſhed, to ſtop the Progreſs of the Flames. Beſides, 6 Churches are reduc'd to Aſhes, viz. thoſe of St. Mary, St. Peter, the Trinity, the Holy Ghoſt, the Orphans, and the Reform'd. Among the chief Buildings that are conſumed, are the Townhouſe, four Colleges, the Hoſpital of the Orphans, 2 other Hoſpitals, and ſeveral Hotels and Palaces. In one of the Hoſpitals, 16 diſeaſed People periſhed in the Flames. We reckon beſides, 6 fine Libraries, 2 Anatomy Schools, &c.

Soiſſons, Nov. 11. On Thurſday the Plenipotentiaries here were treated at Dinner by the Intendant, and at Supper by Mr. Pointz; who Yeſterday gave a very grand Feaſt in Honour of his Britannick Majeſty's Birth-day, which was celebrated with a ſplendid Ball, &c.

Hague, Nov. 16. The Earl of Cheſterfield, Ambaſſador of the King of Great Britain, was Yeſterday in Conference with ſome of the Lords of the Regency.

London, Nov 9. The St. James's belonging to the S. S. Company, is to depart forthwith, to carry 90 Men, over and above her Complement, to Jamaica, from which Place they are to be carried in their licenſed Sloops to Vera Crux, to manne the Ship Prince Frederick, which was delivered to Captain Whittington Williams the 31ſt of July laſt; alſo the Ship Ratcliff, Capt. Barfoot, is to depart within a few Days with 120 Men, to manne the other 2 Ships belonging to the ſaid Company, ſeiz'd by the Spaniards.

From the Evening Poſt, Nov. 9.

Santa Caux, Sept. 17. The Blacks, who have laid Siege to Fez, conſiſt of 80,000 Men, but have no more than 10 piece of Cannon and 2 Pattareroes. They threaten to deſtroy every Soul in the Town, unleſs the fugitive King, who is there, is delivered up to them. But as he has a great Treaſure with him, he finds means to keep the People in his Intereſt; ſo that they ſeem willing to ſtand out to the laſt Extremity. We have at preſent a very numerous Gariſon, yet we cannot hinder the Arabs from frequently plund'ring thoſe who attempt to bring hither Goods out of the Country.

Conſtantinople, Sept. 29. The Health of the Grand Signior being very precarious, an eminent Phyſician is ſent for from Grand-Cairo to attend his Highneſs. Sultan Eſreff has intimated to this Court, That if the Czar will own him as Sovereign of Perſia, he will readily enter into an Accommodation with him, and give him the Title of Emperor of Ruſſia, on Condition however, That the the Czar renounce all Treaties entred into with Prince Thamas, Son of the late Sophi.

Stockholm, Nov. 2. Mr. Finch, Envoy Extraordinary of Great Britain, is hourly expected, his Baggage being already arrived. The King is returned from viewing his Troops in the ſeveral Provinces of this Kingdom, and has already aſſiſted in the Senate.

Dreſden, Nov. 5. The King of Poland is ſo far recovered that he dined in publick lately. His Majeſty has given Dr. Stahl, Phyſician to his Pruſſian Majeſty, the Sum of 4000 Crowns. The Royal

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Prince is gone to Deſſau to confer with his Pruſſian Majeſty. The King of Poland has iſſued a Decree, forbidding his Subjects of this Electorate going into the Service of any Foreign Prince.

Copenhagen, Nov. 3. There was given by the Kings Orders, to each of the Perſons who went away ſince their Houſes were deſtroyed, a Meaſure of Corn, one of Salt, and 2 Rixdollars in Money; and his Majeſty has appointed Quartermaſters, to take care to ſupply them with ſuch Proviſions as they ſhall have Occaſion for. Prince Charles and the Princeſs Sophia Hedwige, have ſent 12000 Crowns to be diſtributed among the Poor, which has been done accordingly. Three Fregats and 3 other Veſſels are ſailed for Norway to bring Timber from thence. On the 31ſt paſt an Expreſs arrived from London, who after having delivered his Diſpatches to my Lord Glenorchy, ſet out immediately for Stockholm. My Lord Glenorchy had the ſame Day a long Conference with the High Chancellor, on the Contents of the ſaid Diſpatches.

London, Nov. 6. The King and Council have granted Power for the Lords of Admiralty to grant Letters of Mart for the Ships of the Eaſt India Company, authorizing them to ſeize and take all Ships of the Oſtend Company, which ſhall be found or met with beyond the Cape of Good Hope, for which Purpoſe, the Number of Sailors in each Ship will be conſiderably increaſed.

We are likewiſe informed, that the Dutch Eaſt India Ships either are, or ſoon will be authoriſed to do the ſame. And it is agreed between the Engliſh, the Dutch and the Emperor, that whatever Action ſhall happen on the other Side the Cape of Good Hope, by the Ships of the Engliſh and Dutch Eaſt India Company's attacking or taking the Ships of the Oſtend Company, ſhall noways tend to make any Difference or Rupture between theſe three Powers.

From the London Gazette, Nov. 9.

Vera Cruz, Aug. 1. The Viceroy here, having received a Cedula from the King of Spain directing him to reſtore the Ships Goods and Effects belonging to the Britiſh South Sea Company; Capt. Whittington Williams was Yeſterday put into Poſſeſſion of the Ship Prince Frederick. The ſaid Company's Bows are ordered to be delivered alſo.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Nov. 9.

Dreſden, Nov. 2. The Magiſtrates of Thorn have ſent a Memorial to the King ſetting forth, That they had received a Reſcript from the Crown General (who far from being dead is on the mending Hand) whereby it appears plain enough that there is a Deſign formed to perſecute anew the Proteſtants. Aſſoon as his Majeſty ſaw this Memorial, he ordered a Courier to be diſpatched to the Primate and to the Crown General, enjoining them to ſupercede all Perſecution againſt the Proteſtants, it being his Will that whatever relates to them ſhall be decided in the next Diet.

Hanover, Nov. 5. N. Yeſterday the Horſe Guards of the late Duke of York Biſhop of Oſnaburg, were drawn up at Diepena, and there diſbanded by Order of the King of Great Britain They kept their Horſes and Accoutrements, nothing being taken from them but their Arms, Standard, Kettle Drum and Trumpets. Their Pay goes on till the Firſt of January next. The Officers are to be employed in our Troops, as Vacancies ſhall happen.

London, Nov. 9. We are credibly informed that his Excellency Horatio Walpole Eſq, ſecond Plenipotentiary at Soiſſons, will not come to Town as has been reported, till the Iſſue of the Congreſs is known.

Collonel Kane, Depute Governor of Minorca, is very much indiſpoſed.

Thurſday laſt a Patent paſſed the Great Seal, granting to Mr. Stammers, a Diſtiller, the Sole Uſe and Benefit, for the Term of Years therein ſpecified, of his new Invention for rendring Engliſh Spirits equally as good as French Brandy.

We hear that the Ship Ratcliffe, Capt. Barefoot, is to depart within a few Days with 110 Men, to complete the Compliment of the Prince Frederick, as alſo to Man the other two Veſſels belonging to the South Sea Company, which have been ſeized by the Spaniards in thoſe Seas.

Several Gentlemen lately arrived from Holland report, That the Inhabitants of that Country are very much afraid of a hard Froſt this Winter, by Reaſon of the extraordinary flocking together of ſeveral Sorts of Ravenous Land Fowls towards the Sea Coaſt, an infallible Prognoſtick: Which has

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very much raiſed the Price of all Sorts of Proviſions there, eſpeially of Tobacco, Brandy, and Coals,

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Nov. 9.

Petersburg, Oct. 24. Six Veſſels are arrived here from Olonitz, laden with Iron Cannon, &c. 'Tis reckoned there is now in the Arſenal of Olonitz 3000 Iron Cannon and 1300 of Braſs, beſides Mortars. 'Tis ſaid the Emperor has fixed his Departure from Moſcow for the 30th of November.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Nov. 12.

Since our laſt arrived a Dutch Mail.

IN the Speech which the Preſident of South Carolina, made in July laſt, to the Aſſembly of that Province, he acquainted them among other Things, That there was a Scheme on foot by the Rt. Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty in England, to make the Harbour of Port-Royal in that Province, a Place of Rendezvous for the Men of War of his Majeſty in America, and to fortify it, provided there be found a Chanel deep enough and fit to receive ſuch Ships: And therefore, his Honour, after repreſenting the great Benefit and Advantage this Affair would be to the Colony in general, recommended, that getting proper Perſons, Craftſmen, &c. to ſound the Chanel, and make ſuch Diſcovery as might encourage the Lords of the Admiralty to proſecute this Deſign, and the procuring the moſt proper Draughts thereof to be tranſmitted to England.

'Tis added from Carolina, That on the 2d Auguſt they had ſuch a violent Storm or Hurricane, that 22 Ships in that Harbour were drove aſhore, and none rode it out ſave the Fox and Garland Men of War. The Carolina Pacquet drove aſhore and was bulged; but the Mary, with ſeveral others, will be got off, tho' not without great Charge. The Medway, Capt. Paul, alſo the Mary Anne, Capt. King, and a Veſſel belonging to Topſham, were all loſt. And it was computed, that 1500 Baerels of Rice were deſtroyed by this Accident. The Solebay Man of War was arrived there from Vera Crux, having loſt her Maſts at Sea. On the 6th of October laſt the Garland Man of War ſailed thence on a Cruize, the Spaniſh Men of War ſtill continuing to infeſt their Coaſts; and that ſeveral Veſſels were lately plundred by them.

This Uſage of the Spaniards towards our Ships, at a Time when Negociations for a Peace are carrying on, and the Ceſſation of Hoſtilities is actually and punctually obſerved on our Parts, cauſes ſome Reſentment. But the Proſpect of Peace is ſo far advanced, as to leave no Room to doubt of its being concluded, and that an ample Reſtitution will be made.

Count Gallowin is not arrived, but expected in a ſhort Time, with a publick Character from the Czar of Muſcovy.

The Letters from Petersburg by the laſt Mail aſſure for certain, that the former good Underſtanding between Ruſſia and Great Britain is going to be reſtored.

P. S. By the Holland Mail 'tis adviſed, in an Article from Paris of the 12th Inſt. That they could yet ſay nothing poſitive of the Situation of the Negociations for a Peace, a Courier having been diſpatched ſince the Departure of the Duke de Bournonville, with ſome new Expedient or Additions to the Truce, which 'tis aſſured turn udon the Facility of placing 3000 Spaniſh Troops alongſt the Coaſts of Tuſcany, without giving Umbrage to the Grand Duke; and that the Courier being returned, a Report was ſpread that theſe Expedients had not been agreeable to the Court of Spain. This Letter (if you'll credit it) goes further, and tells, That Count Zinzendorf hath taken Leave of the King and Queen, and that he only waits, before he returns to Vienna, for the Arrival of the Courier which was to be diſpatched after the Arrival of the Duke de Bournonville at Madrid, where we are told the ſaid Duke was actually arrived, and had an Audience of their Catholick Majeſties: So that the Courier expected at Paris with the King of Spain's final Anſwer, cannot now be long before it arrives.

We hear, That ſtrong Repreſentations having been made to the Court of Spain, againſt the Guard de Coaſts taking our Ships- and it being denied that they have any ſuch Commiſſions, Orders have been ſent to our Men of Wat to treat theſe Guarde coaſts as Pyrates.

The Jolly, Capt. Box, an Engliſh Ship in the Portugueſe Service, has been taken by the Rovers

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in the Road of Mazagant in Barbary, but the Men got aſhoar and eſcaped

Many of the Clergy laſt Sunday exhorted their Auditories in a moſt ſolemn Manner, againſt *Infidelity*, which now ſeems to ſpread amongſt us.

From the Poſt Boy, Nov. 11.

Geneva, Oct. 29. N. S. Letters from Turin ſay, That the Pope has uſed a World of Arguments to perſwade the King of Sardinia to diſmiſs out of his Service two Proteſtant Regiments he kept many Years; but his Sardinian Majeſty, inſtead of complying with the Deſire of his Holineſs in that Reſpect, aſſured the Collonels of the ſame, that he is fully reſolved to keep them on Foot. Advices from Leghorn import, That the Duke of Tuſcany is in a declining Condition; and that the Infant Don Carlos was ſhortly expected over from Spain. 'Tis added, That the Talk of the ſaid Don Carlos his marrying one of the Arch Dutcheſſes of Auſtria is again revived.

Hague, Nov. 16. N. S. Their High Mightineſſes have ſent freſh Orders to Mynheer d'Aſſendelft, to haſten his Departure from Copenhagen, to go to the Court of the Governant of th'Auſtrian Netherlands, and it is now ſaid, they will not be very haſty in appointing another Miniſter for the Court of Denmark, for Reaſons of State not known to the Publick.

From the Evening Poſt, Nov. 12.

By a private Letter from Paris it appears, that nothing can be ſaid with Certainty concerning the Situation of Affairs. Only we hear that one of the new Expedients propoſed to be added to the Treaty of Peace, is to make it feaſible to quarter 3000 Men of the Troops of Spain ſo conveniently near Tuſcany, as to ſecure the Succeſſion for the Infant Don Carlos, without giving any Umbrage to the Grand Duke; but the King of Spain inſtead of declaring poſitively, ſaid he would not give any Anſwer before the Arrival of the Duke de Bournonville. The Count de Sinzendorf having taken his Leave of the King and Queen, People infer from it that Matters are not ripe for a Concluſion, but his Excellency's Departure for Vienna, being only delay'd till the Return of the Courier who was diſpatched to Madrid ſince the Departure of the Duke de Bournonville, who is expected here about the 16th Inſtant: 'Tis true we are told that the ſaid Count, whoſe Preſence is ſo neceſſary here, will return very ſoon. 'Tis added, that before he goes, he is to have a Conference with the Cardinal de Fleury, and the Ambaſſadors of Great Britain and Holland, on the Affair of Eaſt Frieſland.

Edinburgh, Nov. 18. On Friday laſt the Honourable Sir James Wood, Brigadier General of his Majeſty's Forces, came to this Place from Ireland.

The ſame Day Sir James Dick of Prieſtfield, Lord Provoſt of this City before the Revolution, died in a very advanced Age, and left a conſiderable Eſtate to his Heir.

This Day (being the 27th Day of the Moon) the Sun riſes at 8 a-clock, 7 Min. ſets at 3, 57 Min. It is High Water at Leith at 11 a-clock, 8 Min. Tomorrow, at 11 a-clock, 56 Min. *preciſely.*

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By the Commiſſioners and Truſtees for improving Fiſheries and Manufactures in Scotland,

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†¶† That the Roup and Sale of the Lands and Eſtate of CRAIG of Auchindore, in the Sheriffdom of Aberdeen, formerly advertiſed to have been in the Exchange Coffee-houſe in Aberdeen upon the Sixteenth Day of October 1728 is now Adjourned to the Thirteenth of December 1728, at betwixt 2 & 4 aclock after Noon. In caſe the Lands be ſold in Parcels, it would be proper for Purchaſers to have a previous Communing with the Proprietar.

†¶† The Court of Directors of the BANK of SCOTLAND, do hereby give Notice to all Perſons who are Poſſeſſors of any of the Company's Notes of Ten Pound ſterl. That they may apply to the Office on or after the 27th Inſt. where they will receive Payment both of Principal and Intereſt due thereupon, being 8 Months: After which Day the ſaid Notes are not to bear Intereſt. This by Order of the Court of Directors.

DAVID SPENCE, Secretary.

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